



City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Governmental Operations Standing Committee

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Kristen Nye – Chair
The Honorable Katherine Jordan – Vice Chair (late arrival)
The Honorable Michael Jones – Member
The Honorable Ann-Frances Lambert – Alternate (late arrival)

Debra Bowles, Assistant City Clerk
Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney
Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Candice Reid, City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Others in Attendance

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Vice President (early departure)

Call to Order

Chair Kristen Nye called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m., and presided.

Chamber Emergency Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the Chair's request, Assistant City Clerk Debra Bowles provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines.

Electronic Participation

Pursuant to Rule III(D)(4)(b) of Council's Rules of Procedure, Committee Member Katherine Jordan made a request to participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams from the Bon Secours Training Camp Facility at 2401 W. Leigh Street, due to her participation in Diamond District panel interviews for most of the day. The Committee Members present were required to adopt a motion to approve Councilor Jordan's participation in the meeting by electronic communication means if it appeared to the body that her request complied with Rule III(D) of Council's Rules of Procedure. A motion was solicited from those members physically assembled to approve Councilor Jordan's participation in this meeting by electronic communication means.

Member Michael Jones moved to allow Vice Chair Katherine Jordan to participate in the meeting by electronic communication means. The motion was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Jones, Nye. Noes, None.

Vice Chair Katherine Jordan joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 2:08 p.m.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the special meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 15, 2022 or the meeting minutes of Wednesday, March 23, 2022, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

[CD.2022.213](#) March 15, 2022 Governmental Operations Standing Committee
Special Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [20220315 Gov Ops Special Mtg Mins - DRAFT](#)

[CD.2022.167](#) March 23, 2022 Governmental Operations Standing Committee
Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [20220323 Gov Ops Mins - DRAFT](#)

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following ordinance was considered:

1. [ORD. 2022-054](#) To amend and reordain City Code § 2-1105, concerning the Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board, for the purpose of modifying the membership composition of such Board to specify that one member shall be a member at-large and one member shall be an employee of the City's Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services with program manager duties.

Patrons: Vice President Robertson and Ms. Lambert

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-054](#)

Vice President Ellen Robertson introduced ORD. 2022-054 stating that the proposed ordinance requests an additional at-large member be added to the membership of the Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board and an employee of the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services. Ms. Robertson stated further that the information provided within the proposed ordinance has correct information regarding the employee member; however, the at-large member's information needs to be more descriptive. Vice President Robertson stated that an amendment is forthcoming and requested a 30-day continuance within committee.

Vice Chair Katherine Jordan left the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 2:14 p.m.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Michael Jones moved to continue ORD. 2022-054 to the June 22, 2022, Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and approved: Ayes 2, Jones, Nye. Noes, None.

The following ordinance was considered:

2. [ORD. 2022-091](#) To amend ch. 2, art. V of the City Code by adding therein a new div. 20 (§§ 2-1202.1-2-1202.5) for the purpose of establishing a Civilian Review Board.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney

Attachments: [Ord. No. 2022-091](#)

This Ordinance was recommended for continuance to the City Council due back on 6/13/2022

Vice Chair Katherine Jordan and Alternate Member Ann-Frances Lambert arrived at 2:16 p.m. and were seated.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Maggie Anderson informed committee members that there had been previous discussion regarding ORD. 2022-091 and the Civilian Review Board, and should there be any questions or concerns she would respond.

Member Michael Jones stated that there had been communication with the Mayor's office regarding proposed ORD. 2022-091, and that a discussion with the mayor is forthcoming to discuss areas of concern. Mr. Jones also stated that based upon the outcome of the discussion, amendments to the proposed ordinance would be introduced or a replacement paper would be introduced. Mr. Jones also requested a 60-day continuation of ORD. 2022-091.

Alternate Member Ann-Frances Lambert requested to be involved in the amendment process.

Vice President Ellen Robertson exited the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Chair Kristen Nye informed member Michael Jones that a discussion regarding the Civilian Review Board could be placed on the June agenda if additional information is learned prior to the July 27th committee meeting.

There were no further comments or discussions and Member Michael Jones moved to continue ORD. 2022-091 to the July 27, 2022, Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

The following resolution was considered:

3. [RES. 2022-R025](#) To express the City Council's support for highly prioritizing appropriations for the construction of combined sewer system plan projects by July 1, 2035, to improve water quality in the James River in a financially sustainable manner.

Patrons: Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Jones, Ms. Nye, Ms. Lynch and Vice President Robertson

Attachments: [Res. No. 2022-R025](#)
[Controlling Richmond's Combined Sewer Overflows Presentation](#)

Director of Public Utilities April Bingham introduced RES. 2022-R025 with a presentation that provided insight on the city's combined sewer system and combined sewer overflow. Director Bingham stated that the combined sewer overflow must be completed by July 1, 2035, as stated in Senate Bill 1064. Ms. Bingham provided a brief history on the water system and stated that on a rainy day, 40,000,000 gallons of sanitary sewage and over 100,000,000 gallons of municipal storm water is treated. Ms. Bingham also stated that the interim water treatment plan needs to be in place by July 1, 2027. Ms. Bingham stated further that communication with stakeholders is a priority and that two representatives from each district are participating in the development plan which is due in 2024. Director Bingham completed her presentation by stating that the city has a commitment to improve the combined sewer system, reduce the combined sewer overflow and improve water quality.

Vice Chair Katherine Jordan, Member Michael Jones and Chair Kristen Nye requested to be added as patrons.

A copy of the presentation has been filed.

There were no further comments or discussions and Vice Chair Katherine Jordan moved to forward RES. 2022-R025 to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Board Vacancies

Assistant City Clerk Debra Bowles reviewed vacancies and board applications for consideration.

Member Michael Jones moved to forward the following City Personnel Board reappointments and appointment to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Lorraine Adeeb – reappointment
Larry Johnson – reappointment
Samuel Towell – reappointment
Michelle J. Cutter – appointment

Member Michael Jones moved to forward the following Richmond Public Library Board reappointment to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Brent Graves

Member Michael Jones requested that the vacancy on the Sister Cities Commission be continued to receive additional applications from citizens in the Richmond's Southside.

Vice Chair Katherine Jordan moved to continue vacancy and applications to the Sister Cities Commission to the July 27, 2022, Governmental Operations Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

[CD.2022.178](#) Board Vacancy Report - Governmental Operations Standing Committee

Attachments: [20220525 Gov Ops Vacancy Report](#)

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Staff Report

Interim Council Chief of Staff Joyce Davis stated that an update from the Police Internal Affairs presentation would be provided in writing to committee members via Victoria Pearson, Richmond Police Department Civilian Deputy Chief.

Chair Kristen Nye reviewed items that the Governmental Operations Standing Committee has been concentrating on and additional items.

- 1. City Charter changes and preparation to select members for the 2022 City Charter Review Commission;*
- 2. Boards and commissions review process; and*
- 3. Council's budget process.*

Vice Chair Katherine Jordan requested that a discussion regarding the rates for stormwater and gas utility be held at the June 22, 2022 committee meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.